(a) whether it has been brought to the notice of Government that the children, women and old do not perform much work such as the young people under the scheme of NREGA;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that they are denied of wages because of their low performance and sometimes asked for bribe by Panchayat Pradhan for paying their wages;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken/likely to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (d) In accordance with Section 2(a) of the NREG Act, "adult" means a person who has completed 18 years of age. Therefore, Children below 18 year of age are not eligible for getting employment under NREG Act, 2005. Para 7 of Schedule 1 of NREG Act stipulates that when wages are directly linked with the quantity of work, the wages shall be paid according to the schedule of rates fixed by the State Government for different types of work every year, in consultation with the State Council. Further, Para 8 of Schedule 1 of NREG Act provided that the schedule of rates of wages for unskilled labourers shall be so fixed that a person working for seven hours would normally earn a wage equal to the wage rate. *Vide* notification dated 14th January 2008, Para 8 of Schedule 1 has been amended to provide for nine hours of work, including one hour of interval of rest against the earlier period of seven hours to earn a wage equal to the wage rate. Provision for average out turn of work put out by the NREGA workers has also been made in Schedule 1 of the Act by inserting Para 8-A after Para 8 which reads as under: "The average out-turns of work put out by men and women workers working in a group will be the basis for fixing task based Schedule of rates so that there is no gender discrimination in the Schedule of rates."

The Ministry has not received any report from the State Governments regarding payment of bribe by the workers to the Panchayat Pradhans for getting their wages.

(e) Does not arise.

Wage material ratio under NREGS

1065. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise break-up of the expenditure incurred by Government under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) during the last two years in terms of wage material ratio; and

(b) the proportion of funds spent by the Gram Panchayats, in the State of Himachal Pradesh under the Scheme in current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) State-wise data for the year 2006-07 and 2007-08 given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) In accordance with Section 16(5) of the NREG Act, 2005, at least fifty percent of the works in terms of its cost under a Scheme are to be implemented through the Gram Panchayats. Data relating to the proportion of funds spent by the Gram Panchayats is not maintained at the central level.

Statement

Wage-material ratio of expenditure incurred under NREGS

Sl.No. 08	State	Financial Year-2006-07						Financial Year-2007-					
		Cumulative Expenditure (In Lakhs)						Cumulative Expenditure (In Lakhs)					
		On Wage	On Material	On Contigency	Total	%age of Expendi-ture on Wages	%age of Expendi-ture on Material	On Wage	On Material	On Contigency	Total	%age of Expendi-ture on Wages	%age of Expendi-ture on Material
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1.	Andhra Pradesh	58422.46	1196.14	8401.72	68020.32	85.89	1.76	166929.79	27474.56	13970.40	208374.75	80.11	13.19
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	218.91	0.00	2.43	221.34	98.90	0.00	187.28	111.01	5.61	303.90	61.63	36.53
3.	Assam	38369.19	20002.56	881.18	59252.93	64.75	33.76	25749.39	17780.80	1384.75	54914.94	65.10	32.38
4.	Bihar	41859.88	28984.73	431.55	71276.16	58.73	40.67	68323.63	33991.79	2907.24	105222.66	64.93	32.30
5.	Chhattisgarh	43156.49	22677.09	1048.58	66882.16	64.53	33.91	90069.51	46901.46	3212.23	140183.20	64.25	33.46
6.	Gujarat	5583.01	1255.95	1746.06	8585.02	65.03	14.63	5785.81	1596.84	801.59	8184.24	70.69	19.51
7.	Haryana	2329.77	1213.14	51.76	3594.67	64.81	33.75	4440.87	659.25	134.89	5235.01	84.83	12.59
8.	Himachal Pradesh	2057.58	1858.76	23.77	3940.11	52.22	47.18	7355.50	5103.24	106.12	12564.86	58.54	46.62
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	2242.15	1162.48	49.81	3454.44	64.91	33.65	2639.44	1488.11	72.70	4200.25	62.84	35.43
10.	Jharkhand	41286.36	29020.46	848.31	71155.13	58.02	40.78	61595.90	42434.30	2223.65	106253.85	57.97	39.94
11.	Karnataka	14774.24	9769.23	286.20	24829.67	59.50	39.34	14306.79	8381.21	962.53	23650.53	60.49	34.44

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
12.	Kerala	2474.63	139.03	176.07	2789.73	88.71	4.98	7139.51	870.87	326.45	8336.83	85.64	10.45
13.	Madhya Pradesh	117350.36	65999.60	2918.67	186268.63	63.00	35.43	175006.42	106934.72	7231.46	289172.60	60.52	36.98
14.	Maharashtra	16517.89	859.88	83.41	17461.18	94.60	4.92	16585.97	1606.16	715.09	18907.22	87.72	8.49
15.	Manipur	1385.87	599.13	40.50	2025.50	68.42	29.58	4148.72	1810.60	280.83	6276.15	66.68	28.85
16.	Meghalaya	1767.46	321.40	22.90	2111.85	83.69	15.22	3650.64	1280.70	159.84	5091.18	71.71	25.16
17.	Mizoram	1375.63	190.11	77.37	1643.11	83.72	11.57	4020.62	20.53	159.56	4200.71	95.71	0.49
18.	Nagaland	863.62	544.20	49.80	1457.62	59.25	37.33	1690.59	545.04	161.94	2397.57	70.51	22.73
19.	Orissa	42197.66	30298.99	849.97	73346.62	57.53	41.31	31228.30	25183.25	1545.35	57956.90	53.88	43.45
20.	Punjab	1464.01	975.06	61.14	2500.21	58.56	39.00	1939.67	1016.57	48.05	3004.29	64.56	33.84
21.	Rajasthan	50726.51	17658.71	920.92	69306.14	73.19	25.48	98424.20	45697.51	3612.01	147733.72	66.62	30.93
22.	Sikkim	211.23	50.66	0.00	261.89	80.66	19.34	808.31	357.61	19.84	1185.76	68.17	30.16
23.	Tamil Nadu	14628.18	0.00	535.45	15163.63	96.47	0.00	49890.71	0.00	1751.67	51642.38	96.61	0.00
24.	Tripura	3007.80	1419.88	80.00	4507.68	66.73	31.50	13134.34	6804.19	921.80	20860.33	62.96	32.62
25.	Uttar Pradesh	46209.24	30267.35	1490.87	77967.46	59.27	38.82	126278.96	58784.26	4761.62	189825.14	66.52	30.97
26.	Uttranchal	2942.07	1748.55	159.08	4849.70	60.66	36.05	5930.12	3236.35	408.54	9575.01	61.93	33.80
27.	West Bengal	30814.68	7664.01	983.94	39462.63	78.09	19.42	76549.66	21675.67	2209.28	100434.61	76.22	21.58
	TOTAL:	584236.88	275877.10	22221.55	882335.53	66.21	31.27	1073846.65	461746.60	50095.34	1585688.59	67.72	29.12